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SUBJECT: PROPOSED NEW ORLEANS TRADE MART BUYING AND SELLING MISSION TO KOREA
REF: A) STAUFFER/STAVE/KACHMAR TELCON OF APRIL 28, B) STATE 101601

1. EMBASSY CONTACTED KOTRA ON APRIL 28 REGARDING THIS PROPOSED MISSION. WORKING LEVEL STAFF HAD SEEN TELEX MESSAGES FROM NEW ORLEANS BUT HAD NOT RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO PROCEED.

2. ON APRIL 30 KOTRA INFORMED US THAT THEY WILL HOST THIS GROUP AND WILL ARRANGE ALL PROTOCOL EVENTS AND BUSINESS APPOINTMENTS. WE EXPRESSED OUR WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE IF THEY SO DESIRED. KOTRA, IN TURN, HAS PROMISED TO KEEP US INFORMED ON THE SCHEDULE AS IT DEVELOPS.

3. SINCE THIS MISSION WAS GENERATED BY KOTRA AND THAT ORGANIZATION WISHES TO HOST IT, WE BELIEVE THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION IS TO LET KOTRA TAKE THE LEAD BEYOND THE COURTESY CALL ON THE AMBASSADOR, BRIEFING BY EMBOFFS

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PROVIDED FOR SIMILAR GROUPS IN THE PAST, AND PARTICIPATION BY EXIMBANK CHAIRMAN JOHN L. MOORE, JR. WE HAVE ALERTED EPB TO CHAIRMAN MOORE'S DESIRE TO ACCOMPANY TRADE MART GROUP ON SOME OF ITS APPOINTMENTS (REF B) AND TO NEED, THEREFORE, TO COORDINATE WITH KOTRA. GLEYSTEEN
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